Arthur Magsamen, et al

Petitioners

* BEFORE THE (Lot 1 of Magsamen Property)

11th Election District 6th Councilmanic District * Case No. 92-416-A

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* * * * * * * * * * * FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance in which the Petitioners request relief from Section 1A04.3.B.3 to permit a street centerline setback of 50 feet in lieu of the required 75 feet and a side yard setback of 15 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for a proposed dwelling on Lot 1, as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioners, by Arthur Magsamen and Helen P. Magsamen, appeared and testified. Also appearing on behalf of the Petitioners was Bruce E. Doak with Gerhold, Cross and Etzel. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as Lot 1 of the Magsamen Property, consists of 1.697 acres, more or less, zoned R.C.5, and is presently unimproved. Said property is part of a larger tract owned by the Petitioners and is located on the west side of Notchcliff Road as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. The Petitioners are desirous of developing Lot 1 with a one-story, single family dwelling for use as their retirement home. However, the topography of the land and narrow width of the lot dictate the location of the proposed dwelling as depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit 1, thereby necessitating the requested variances. Testimony indicated that the proposed improvements meet the density requirements set forth in the zoning regulations and to require strict compliance ments set forth in the zoning regulations and to require strict compliance

with setback requirements would result in practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship for the Petitioners.

It should be noted that the Office of Planning submitted comments dated May 15, 1992 in which they recommended a denial of the relief requested, stating that the size of the proposed dwelling was too large for this site and that the hardship expressed by Petitioners was self-created. The Office of Planning also stated that the position of the house with its side facing Notchcliff Road would require landscaping. After a discussion with the Petitioners' engineer, it was agreed that the Petitioners would reduce the size of the proposed dwelling by 5 feet and reposition the house in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1. The Office of Planning submitted revised comments dated June 2, 1992 in which they recommended approval of the requested variances based upon the reduced size of the proposed dwelling and its location on the subject lot. The Office of Planning further stated that inasmuch as the proposed dwelling will be situated higher than the road and not visible from the street, no landscaping will be required.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

- whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

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3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented. it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this /b day of June, 1992 that the Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief from Section 1A04.3.B.3 to permit a street centerline setback of 50 feet in lieu of the required 75 feet and a side yard setback of 15 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for a proposed

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Perition for Variance to the Zoning Comments.

92-416-A

northwest side Notchcliff Road 900 feet for the property located at south of Glen Arm Road which is presently zoned RC5

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 1A04.3-B-3, setback from centerlin of street of 50 feet in lieu of required 75 feet and side yard setback of 15 feet in lieu of required 50 feet.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) The shape of the parcel of land is narrow and the topography is adverse, and adhering to required setbacks does not leave enough buildable area.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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PAUL G. DOLLENBERG FRED H. DOLLENBERG CARL L. GERHOLD

April 3, 1992

ZONING DESCRIPTION MAGSAMEN PROPERTY

Beginning at a point in the center of Notchcliff Road at a distance of 900 feet, more or less, South of Glen Arm Road, thence leaving said road and running South 52 degrees 55 minutes 33 seconds West 771.74 feet and South 68 degrees 33 minutes 32 seconds East 15.07 feet to the center of Notchcliff Road, thence binding in the center of said road, North 62 degrees 51 minutes 19 seconds East 21.62 feet, North 78 degrees 45 minutes 32 seconds East 44.82 feet, North 83 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds East 56.79 feet, North 72 degrees 47 minutes 14 seconds East 58.76 feet, North 61 degrees 56 minutes 12 seconds East 83.56 feet, North 60 degrees 08 minutes 50 seconds East 57.38 feet, North 58 degrees 31 minutes 18 seconds East 75.14 feet, North 63 degrees 54 minutes 28 seconds East 132.19 feet, North 56 degrees 05 minutes 33 seconds East 64.44 feet, North 45 degrees 48 minute feet and North 09 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds West 57.92 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 1.697 Acres of land, more or less.



dwelling on Lot 1, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

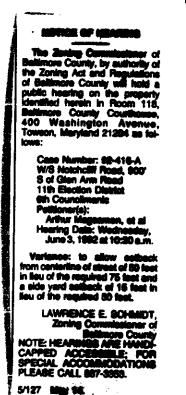
2) Compliance with all subdivision and development regulations.

3) When applying for a building permit, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

> Cotroco Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 92-4116-14 Arthur May somen & Mark Borry et al on of property W/S Notchelite Rd 900 3/6/n Arm Rd. Location of Signer Facing Note belife on property to be toned Date of return: 5/22/92



CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ____ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on $\frac{104}{100}$, 19

THE JEFFERSONIAN.

Suite 113 Courthouse

400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Mr. Arthur Magsamen 4817 Bart Allen Lane Baldwin, Maryland 21013

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE W/S Notchcliff Road, 900' S of Glen Arm Road (Lot 1 of Magsamen Property) 11th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District Arthur Magsamen, et al - Petitioners Case No. 92-416-A

Dear Mr. Magsamen:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

Baltimore County Government

Zoning Commissioner

Office of Planning and Zoning

June 16, 1992

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3391.

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cc: People's Counsel

File

Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

(410) 887-4386





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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

May 27, 1992

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Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Magsamen 4817 Bart Allen Lane Baldwin, MD 21013

RE: Item No. 436, Case No. 92-416-A Petitioner: Arthur Magsamen, et ux Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. Magsamen:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 20th day of April, 1992.

Petitioner: Arthur Magsamen, et ux Petitioner's Attorney:

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

DATE: 5.27.92

Arthur Magsamen, et al 4817 Bart Allen Lane Boldwin, Maryland 21013

CASE NUMBER: 92-416-A W/S Notchcliff Road, 900' S of Glen Arm Road 11th Election District - 6th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Arthur Magsamen, et al

Dear Patitioner(s):

Please be advised that \$ 74.76 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID. ALSO, THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) MUST BE RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & FOST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL. THE DAY OF THE

Please forward your check via return mail to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113, Towson, Maryland 21204. It should have your case number noted thereon and be made payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. In order to prevent delay of the issuance of proper credit and/or your Order, immediate attention to this matter is suggested.

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

The proposed subdivision is subject to all the requirements of minor

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director

and Development Management

FROM: Rahee J. Famili

SUBJECT: Z.A.C. Comments

LEGAL OWNER: Arthur Magsamen

subdivision process.

RJF/dm

Z.A.C. MEETING DATE: April 27, 1992

Office of Zoning Administration

DATE: April 30, 1992

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DIRECTOR

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified berein in Room 118, Baltimore County Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows: CASE NUMBER: 92-416-A W/S Notchcliff Road, 900' S of Glen Arm Road 11th Election District - 6th Councilmanic

Petitioner(s): Arthur Magssumen, et al HEARING: WEUNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1992 at 10:30 a.m.

Variance to allow setback from centerline of street of 50 feet in lieu of the required 75 feet and a side yard setback of 15 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet.

Baltimore County Government

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Office of Zoning Administration

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Office of Planning & Zoning

NOTICE OF HEARING

Moning Commissioner of Baltimore County

H1 West Chesapeake Avenue

MAY 6, 1992

Towson, MD 21204

cc: Arthur Magsamen, et al Gerhold, Cross & Etzel

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: May 12, 1992 Zoning Administration and

FROM: J. Lawrence Pilson

Development Management

436
SUBJECT: Item & (LEO) - Arthur Magsamen, Mark Barry
Helen Magsamen, Sandra Magsamen

The above-referenced matter has been reviewed by the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management. Comments are as follows:

Must comply with requirements of subdivision approval.

If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 2762.

J Lawrence Pilson, Development Coordinator
Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management

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511192 5078 92 Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21204-5500

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MAY 7, 1992

Arnold Jablon Director Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204

ARTHUR MAGSAMEN AND MARK BARRY AND HELEN MAGSAMEN AND SANDRA L. MAGSAMEN RE: Property Owner:

Location:

W/S NOTCHCLIFF ROAD

Item No.: (LEO) 436 Zoning Agenda: APRIL 27, 1992

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

ZAC COMMENTS

dwelling from 67' to 50', which is still larger than the typical 45' rural rancher, the minimum setback is closer to being met. The reduction in building length would result in providing set backs more typical of the area and more in keeping with the Zoning Regulations. The petitioner could also consider building a two story colonial which would come closer to meeting the minimum setback standard.

The petitioner's site plan shows a building approximately 67' in length which necessitates in the request for the variances. The size of the proposed struc-

ture which is quite generous is creating the need for the variances.

Prepared by: Juneary Allowing

7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Special Inspection Division

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Fire Prevention Bureau

ZONING OFFICE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: May 4, 1992 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for May 4, 1992
Item for Magsamen Property
Notchcliff Road

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. This site is under review as a minor subdivision.

The variance plan should be modified after the minor subdivision comments are made.

Robert Dowling
ROBERT W. BOWLING, P.E., Chief
Developers Engineering Division

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PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

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ARTHUR MASSAMEN

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING
New Courts Bldg - 401 Bosley Avenue, Towson, MD 21204 5/19/92

TO:	Arnold Jablon Director - Zoning Administration & Development Management			
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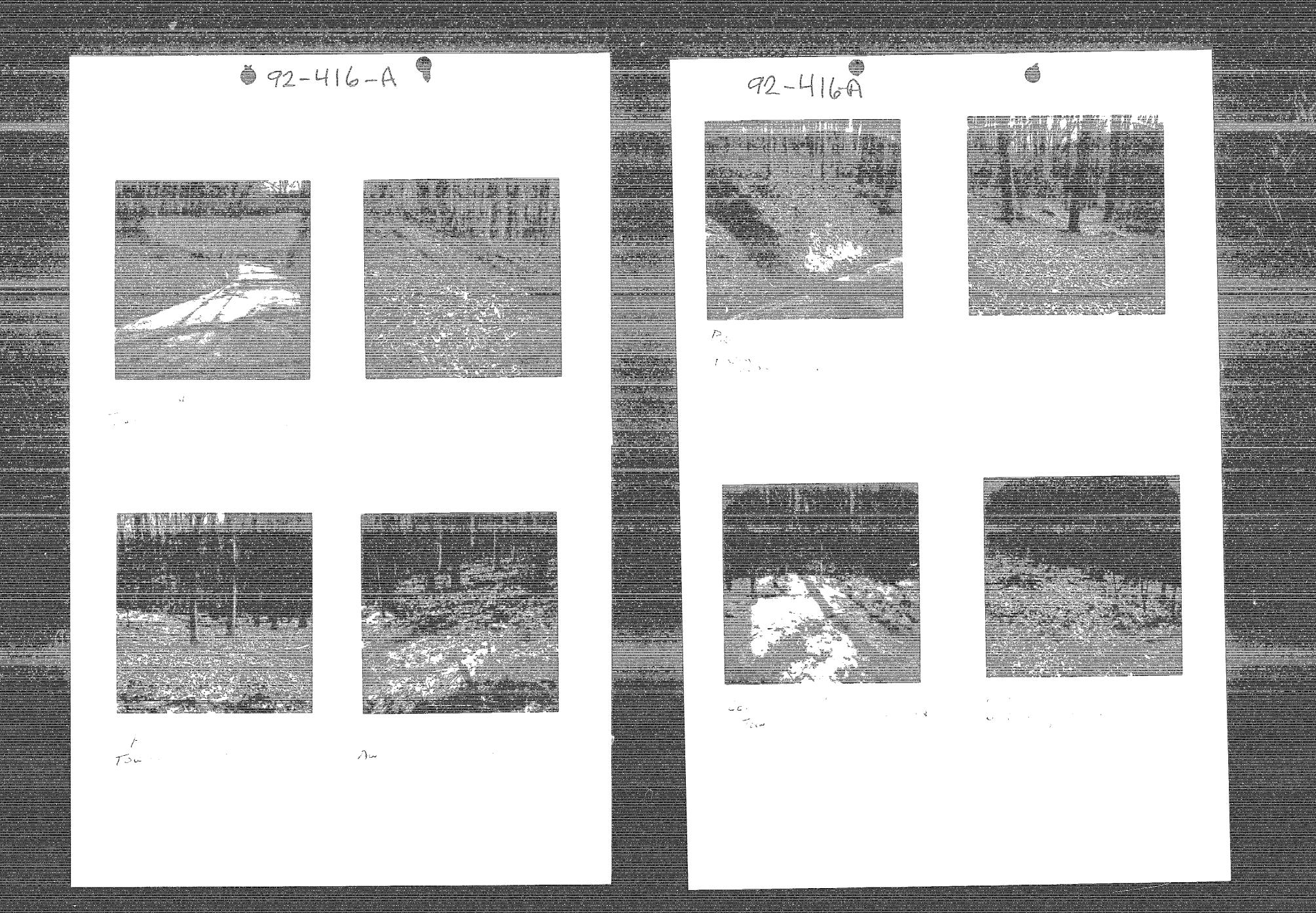
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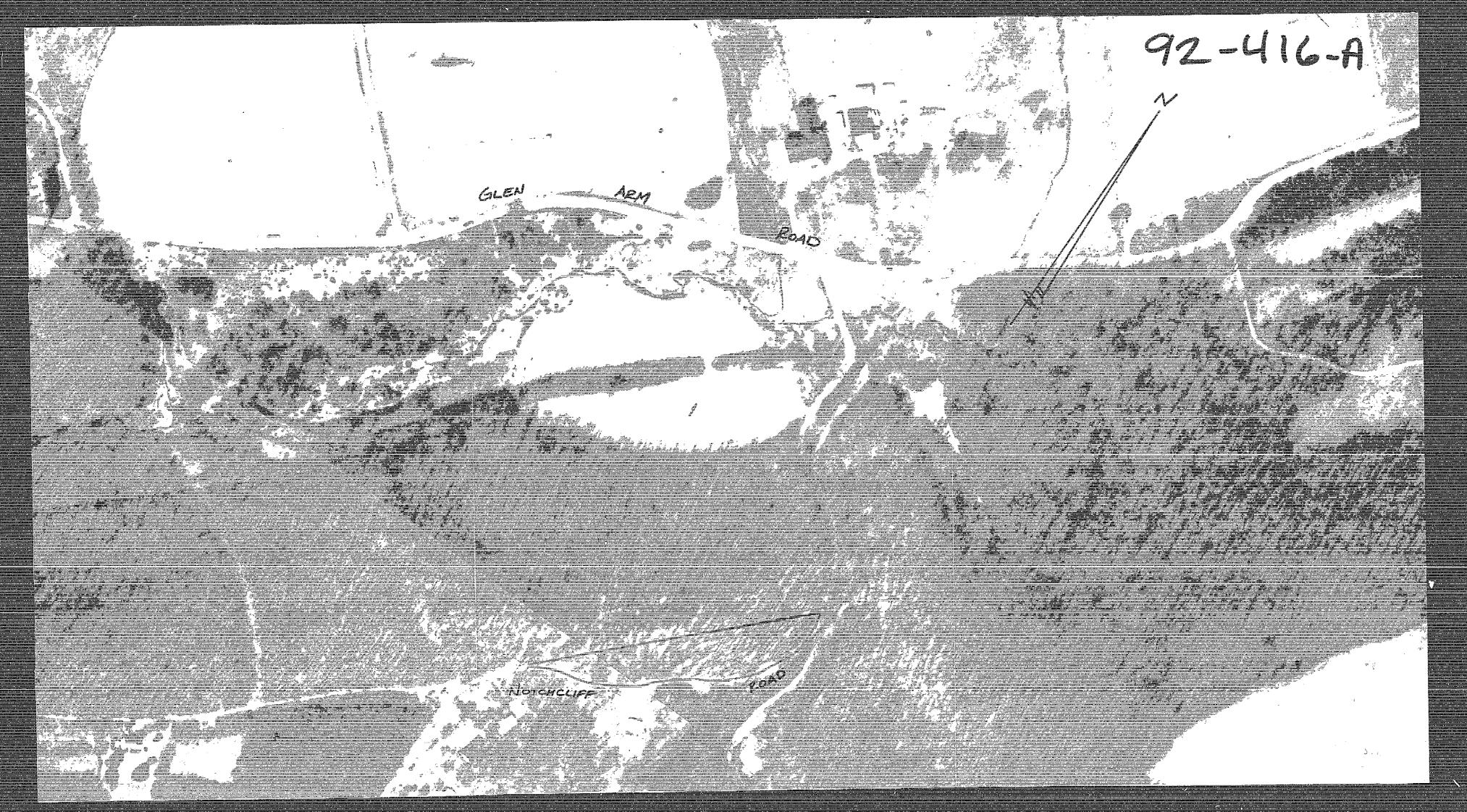
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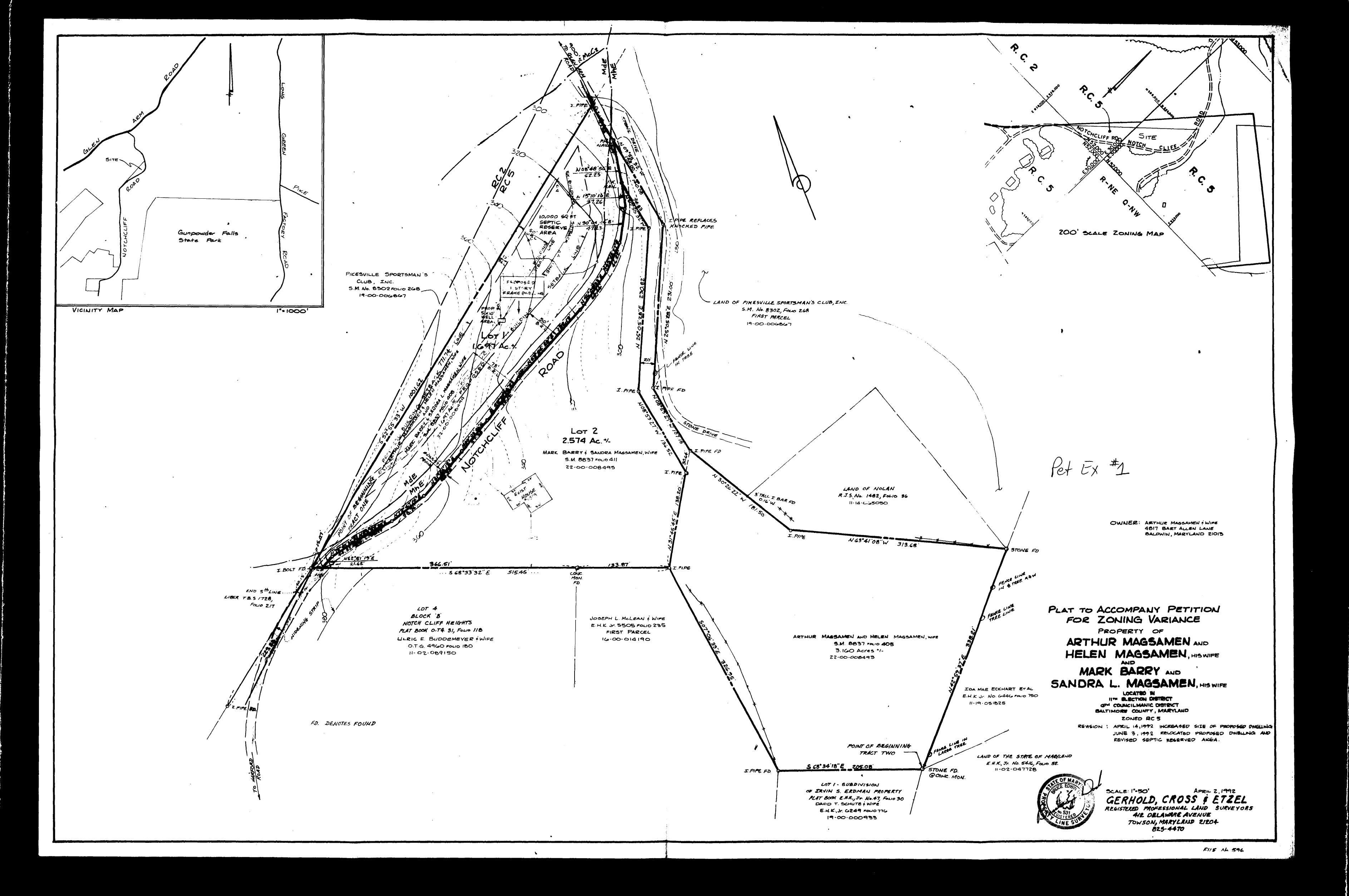
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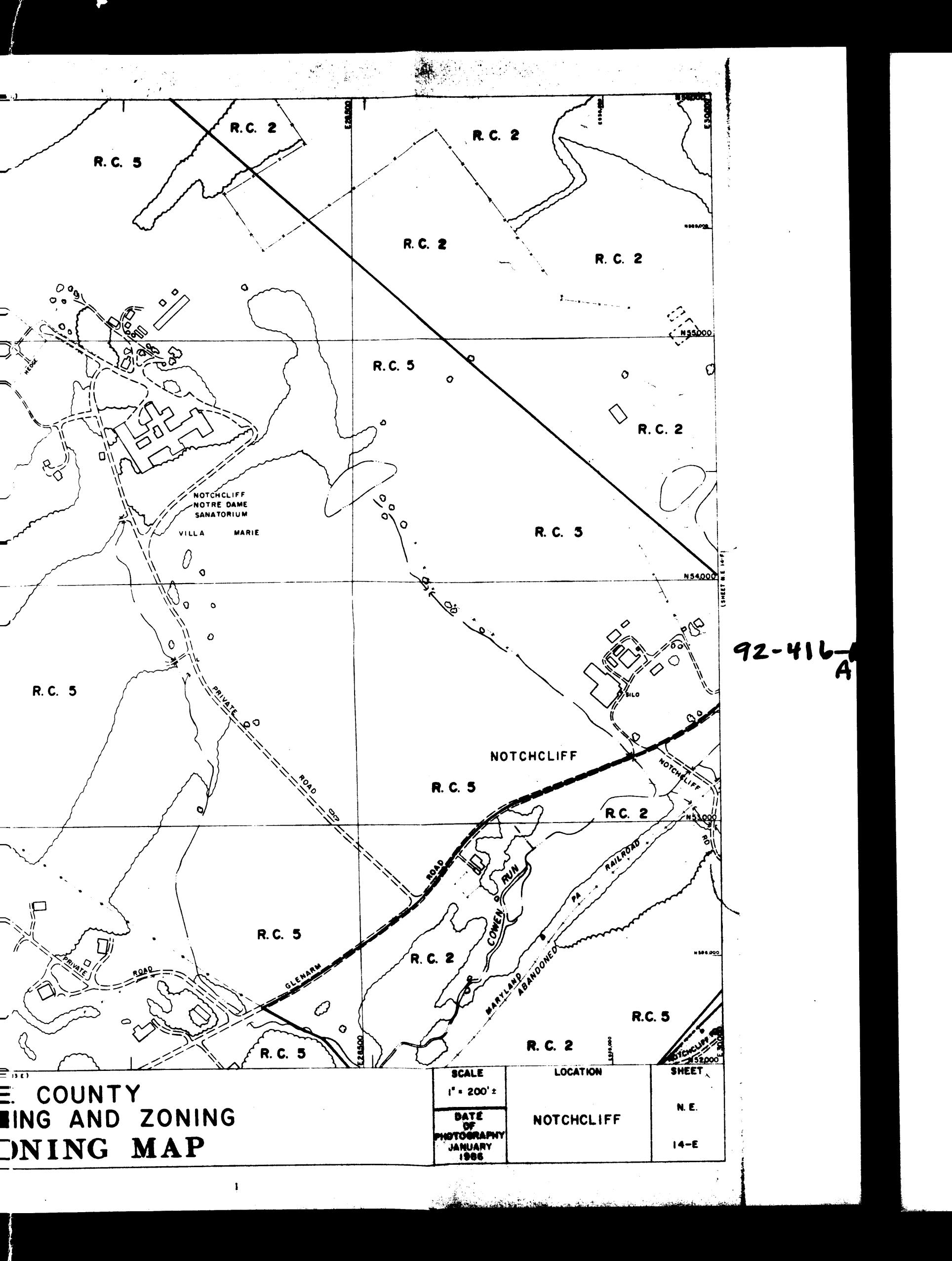
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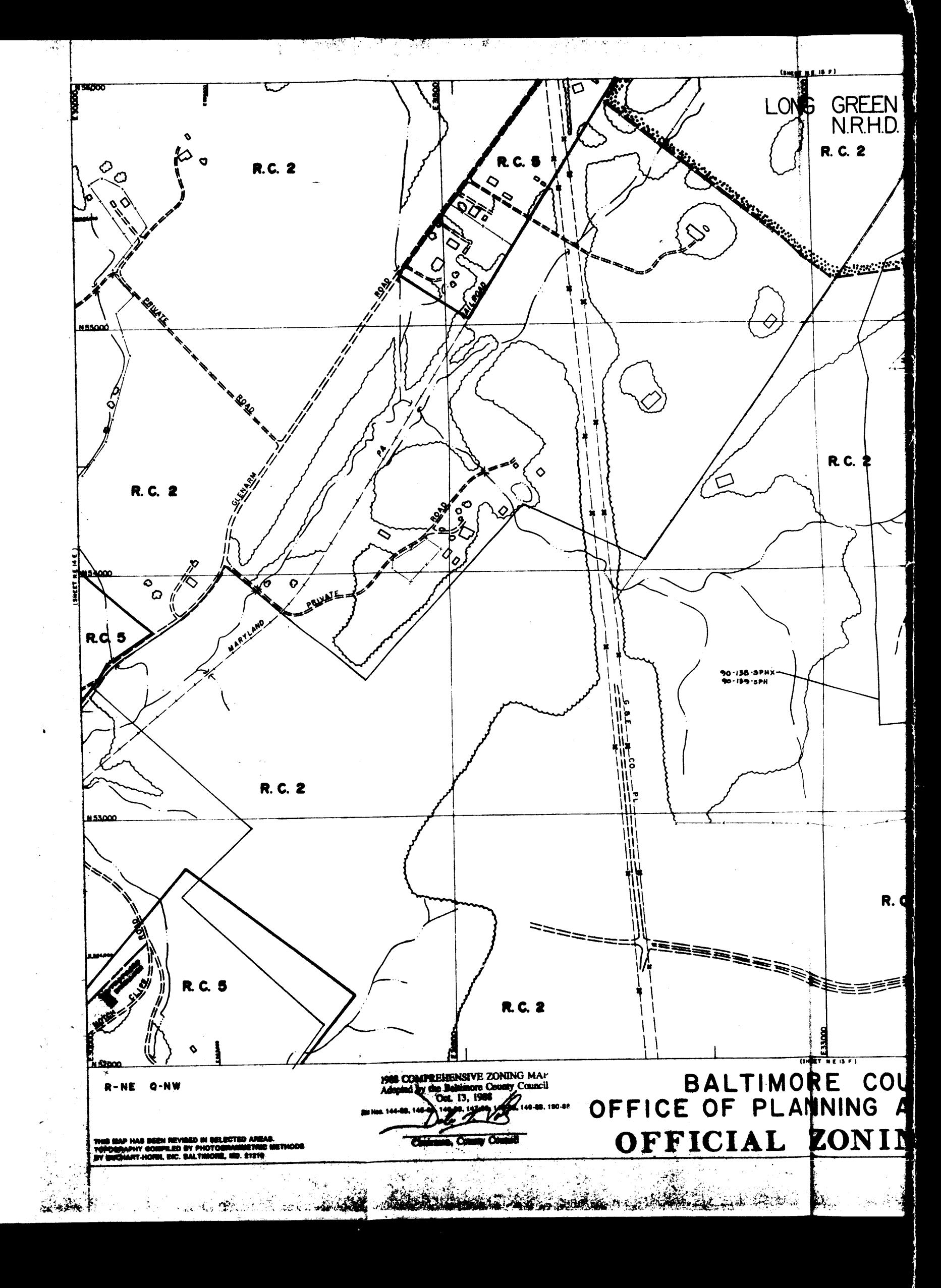
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Baltimore County Government
Office of Zoning Administration
and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

November 15, 1994

(410) 887-3353

Tony Taylor P.O. Box 363 Fulton, MD 20759

RE: Lot #1
Magsamen Property
Zoning Case #92-416-A
11th Election District

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Upon review of zoning case #92-416-A, relative to your inquiry, the following language was noted regarding the specific positioning of the proposed dwelling:

"The Office of Planning also stated that the position of the house with its side facing Notchcliff Road would require landscaping. After a discussion with the Petitioner's engineer, it was agreed that the Petitioners would reduce the size of the proposed dwelling by 5 feet and reposition the house in accordance with Petitioner's exhibit 1 (convenciosed) Petitioner's exhibit 1. (copy enclosed)

The specific location and orientation of the proposed dwelling were salient issues at this hearing. Consequently, a special hearing will be required to amend the aforementioned order to accommodate the proposed dwelling orientation. I have enclosed the booklet and petition forms for this filing.

I trust that the information set forth in this letter is sufficiently detailed and responsive to the request. If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 887-3391 (FAX - 887-5708).

JCM:scj

Enclosures

Office of Planning and Zoning November 21, 1994 (410) 887-4386

Towson, MD 21204 Mr. Tony Taylor

Fulton, Maryland 20759

Suite 112 Courthouse

400 Washington Avenue

P.O. Box 363

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (Lot 1 of Magsamen Property) Case No. **92-416-A**

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Dear Mr. Taylor:

This letter is in response to your recent inquiry to the Zoning Administration and Development Management (ZADM) office, dated November 7, 1994, and our subsequent meeting on November 17, 1994 as to the propriety of reorienting the proposed dwelling in the above-captioned matter.

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner

As was noted during our meeting, Mr. Joseph Merrey, a Planner with ZADM, advised you that a public hearing would be required to amend the originally approved site plan in that case. After further discussion with ZADM, you were then advised to discuss your proposal with me, inasmuch as I was the hearing officer in that case. At our meeting you advised me that the dwelling you seek to build will not require any additional variances and will remain within the approved building envelope for this site. You have indicated that you merely seek to reorient the proposed dwelling in accordance with the red-lined site plan you submitted, which I have stamped received on November 17, 1994.

After reviewing the case file and the documentation submitted, I am inclined to grant your request. It appears that your proposal to reorient the dwelling in accordance with the red-lined site plan received in this office November 17, 1994 is within the spirit and intent of my prior zoning order. Therefore, by copy of this letter to ZADM, 1 will recommend approval of your request as it is consistent with my previous order and no variance is needed.

Should you have any further questions on the subject or need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

> Very truly yours, TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Joe Merrey, ZADM Case File

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November 07, 1994

Arnold Jablon
Director of Zoning Administration
and Development Management
11 West Chesapeake Avenue, RM. 109 Baltimore, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Jablon,

Kirk Kugelberg suggested that I contact you concerning a zoning issue on a piece of property I am purchasing in Glen Arm. The issue that I request your guidance on is the orientation of the house on the lot. Mr. Kugelberg felt that my request could be better handled through your office and did not require review by his committee.

Enclosed you will find a plat drawing of the property. As you will notice, the orientation of the house is basically on a west-east axis. I would like to be able to reorient the house so that it will better utilize the natural typography of the property. Therefore, my request is to open a building envelope as indicated in red on the drawing.

Reorienting the house will result in a significant reduction of ecological destruction to the property. The building site is located on a severe grade of over 25%. The house is presently oriented perpendicular to this grade, resulting in a severe drop in elevation of approximately 25 feet from the northwest corner of the house to the southeast corner of the house. In order to compensate for this northwest corner of the house to the southeast corner of the house. In order to compensate for this severe change in elevation a significant amount of grading and earth moving will be required. Given the fact that the lot is 100% wooded many old hardwoods and bushes will have to be removed and destroyed. The resulting destruction of the natural topography will significantly alter the natural landscape and character of the property. I would like to keep the property intact and as natural as

By opening up a building envelope there will be flexibility in orienting the house on an axis which is more parallel to the grade of the property. The result will be a change in elevation of approximately 10 feet from the highest to the lowest point of the house. This will allow the house to be built with a minimal amount of earth moving and grading. There would also be many less trees to remove.

The purchase of this property is contingent on the county's approval of this request. Your approval of this request will allow a home to be built on the property which fits the natural typography and landscape as opposed to having to alter the landscape to fit a house. I have enclosed a check for \$40.00 which I was told was the for to proceed this provider. which I was told was the fee to process this request. Your attention and consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

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